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[Despatch Abstract.]

Archaeology - Ancient Monuments
old Cemetery at Vellore - North Madras
Declaration as an ancient monument

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Memo. 45038C/45-12dm., dated 23-10-45

Sub:- Archaeology - Ancient monuments - Old cemetery at Vellore - Preservation.

The attention of the Supdt., Arch. Survey of India, Southern Circle, is invited to Govt. Memorandum No.489 VII/43-2 P.W.D., dated 23-2-43 on the subject mentioned above. The C.E., P.W.D. (G.B. and D.) has since reported that the repairs to all the tombs in the cemetery have been carried out. The question now arises whether the tombs cannot be declared as protected ancient monuments. In his letter No.106-1828 dated 26-9-42, the Supdt., Arch. Survey of India, Southern Circle stated that Govt. of India had decided not to entertain cases for declaration of ancient monuments till the cessation of the war. Now that the

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war is over ^{he} ~~the~~ ~~Supdt.~~ ~~Arch.~~ is requested to state whether action can now be taken for ^{declaring} ~~taking over~~ the tombs as protected monuments under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act.

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To the Supdt.,
Arch. Survey of India,
Southern Circle,
Mylapore.

Telegraphic Address :
Archæological Superintendent,
Mylapore (Madras).

c/ds
No. 427/1517 ³

Office of the Superintendent,
Archæological Survey of India,
Southern Circle, ⁹

Mylapore (Madras), 27-10-1945.

FROM N. Ramachandran, Esq., M.A.,
Superintendent,
Archæological Survey of India,
Southern Circle,
Mylapore, Madras.

28 OCT 1945
To

The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

49004 Subject :- Archaeology - Ancient Monuments - Old Cemetery
at Vellore - Preservation.

Sir,

41-2a Ref:- Your memorandum No. 45038-C/45-1, ^{Edu} dated
23-10-45.

I have programmed to visit Vellore and inspect the monuments on the 16th November 1945. I shall forward my remarks to you after my personal inspection of the cemetery referred to above.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. Ramachandran
27.10.45
Superintendent.

SVR/
27.10.45

Telegraphic Address :
Archaeological Superintendent.

No. 427/1710

Office of the Superintendent,
Archaeological Survey of India,
Southern Circle,

FROM T.N. Ramachandran, Esq., Mylapore, Madras 29-11-1945.
Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India,
Southern Circle, Mylapore, Madras.

To

The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Subject :- Archaeology - Ancient monuments - Old cemetery
at Vellore - Preservation.

Sir,

Ref:- Your Memorandum No. 45038-C/45-1-Edn.,
dated 23-10-45.

In continuation of my letter No. 427-1517, dated
27-10-45, I have to inform you that on inspection I
find that the old cemetery referred to above is not
of any archaeological value or of historical interest
to warrant protection and subvention from this
Department.

On a perusal, however, of G.O. No. 1599, P.W.D.
(Buildings and Roads), dated 5-8-1937, I find that
a number of cemeteries are maintained by the Public
Works and Revenue Departments and I wonder, therefore,
if this cemetery could not also be entrusted to them.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

T.N. Ramachandran
Superintendent 29.11.45

SVR/

G.O. 1599 P.W.D. dated 5-8-1937 has been
called for from M.R.O. This may lie over till

8-12-45

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Letter/Ms.No. 312

Edn. dated 13.2.46

To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Education,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Archaeology - Ancient monuments - Old Cemetery
at Vellore, North Arcot District - Declaration
as an ancient monument.

The old cemetery at Vellore in the North Arcot District is one of the ecclesiastical works, which was taken over by the Government of India in 1940 and is now maintained by the Central P.W.D. In 1942, it was brought to the notice of this Government that the cemetery was in a very unkept condition. It was also suggested that steps might be taken to get the cemetery declared as an ancient monument. The matter was examined in consultation with the Executive Engineer, Central P.W.D. and the Supdt. of Archaeology, Southern Circle. The Executive Engineer stated that there was only an annual average allotment of Rs.100/- for the maintenance of the cemetery and with this allotment, it was not possible to do anything other than treating the compound wall with colour washing and some minor patch plastering etc. here and there. He suggested that the cemetery

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might be taken up as ^a historical monument. The Supdt. of Archaeology (Mr. G.C. Chandra) was of opinion that the tombs in the cemetery could safely be taken as of historical importance and declared as ^a protected under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, but that they were not of such importance as to warrant a subvention from the ~~Government~~ ^{Archaeological Survey} of India. As the Cemetery was in ~~urgent~~ ^{need} of repairs, this Government ~~decided~~ ^{decided} to carry out the repairs from Provl. funds and take up the question of getting ~~it~~ ^{it} declared as ^a protected monument after the ~~termination~~ ^{termination} of the war. The C.E. P.W.D. ~~has~~ ^{has} reported that the repairs to all the tombs in the cemetery have been carried out. The present Supdt. of Archaeology (Mr. T.N. Ramachandran), who was recently requested to take steps to get the cemetery declared as an ancient monument, has stated that it is not of ^{sufficient} archaeological value or historical interest to warrant protection and subvention from the Archaeological Department. I am directed to bring the facts to the notice of the G. of I. for such action as they may deem necessary.

Y.O.S.

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12/4/43

Sub. - Cemeteries and Tombs. Old Cemetery at Vellore - Taking over as historical monument.

Ref. - (P.W.D.) Memo. No. 489 VII/43-287 23-243

The question of how the old Cemetery at Vellore which was in a very unkempt condition, could be improved and whether this cemetery could be taken over as a historic monument was raised in 1942 - vide minutes of the then Adviser I. on p. 1. NP. G.O. No. 5575 P.W. of 12.4.43. The matter was examined in consultation with the Ex. Engr. CPWD and, Supdt. Archaeological Survey of India and finally it was decided that in view of the urgent need for repairs to the tombs the necessary repairs should be carried out immediately from the provincial funds and (2) that the question of taking over the tombs in the cemetery as protected monuments might be taken up with the G. of I. in due course after the termination of the war.

'A' above. Repairs to all the tombs in the old cemetery at Vellore have been carried out - vide C.E. (P.D.) letter No. 1320-B/43-CP of 5.6.43.

'B' above. This was examined by the E. & P.H. Dept. in consultation with the Superintendent Arch. Survey of India - vide p. 2-7. NF and p. 3-51 of G.O. No. 5575 P.W. of 12.4.43. The case may therefore be passed on to E.P.H. for re-examining the question, viz. that the war is over.

On this connection, attention is invited to G.O. I. (Dept. of Eden. Health & Ls. No. 20. Ar(C)/45-7/13.845. Wherein the G. of I. have proposed to take over all conservation work from 31.3.46.

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now executed through the agency of the
P.W.D. The matter has been referred to
the Chief Engr. and his reply is awaited.
E.P.H. may be requested to
let this Dept. see the case again before
addressing the Govt. of India on the subject.

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Please see the note of the Public Works Dept on
the subject of 45038
No. 1-2 above. With reference to B on p. 1 ante
Archaeology may first be consulted. A draft
memo is submitted for approval.
Explains that it is reported that all the repairs
to the tombs have been completed; the care-hands
be explained in some detail. Attach a revised draft.

SR
18/10/45

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A revised draft memo is submitted.

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[Issued as Memo. 45038/G/45-1 Edm. Dated 23-10-45] - H-1-2 of
C. No. 49004, From the Suptt. Arch. Survey of India, Southern circle,
No. 427/1517. Dated 27-10-45

Please see the reply from the Suptt. of Arch.
on p. 3 of. This may lie over till 30-11-45.

SR
29/10/45

31/10/45

C. No. 54738, From the Suptt. Archaeological Survey
of India, Madras, No. 427/1210 dated 29-11-45.
The Suptt. Archaeological Survey of India
has reported that the old cemetery at Vellur is

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not of any archaeological value or of historical interest
warrant protection under the Ancient Monuments
Preservation Act. Attention is in this connection invited
to the report at M and S on p. 1 of B
with reference to E on p. 5 of. P.W.D. may see
for remarks.

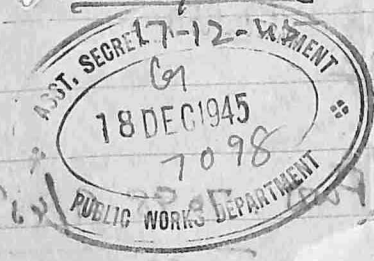
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A.S.

The file has been sent to this
dept. for remarks with reference to portion
marked for p. 5 of.

The position in regard to the
maintenance of cemeteries by the P.W. and Rev.
Depts. of this province has been changed
after 1937. With effect from 1.4.1940

all the ecclesiastical works in the province
were taken over by the central Govt. and a list
of such cemeteries which were transferred to the
G.O. may be found in G.O. No. 1226. P.W. 8/17.4.40.
With reference to this order, the cemetery in
"the old cemetery at Vellur"
question is now maintained by the central P.W.D.
- vide letter No. 3756. Dated 27.12.42 from the
Ex. Engr. P.W.D. But the point at issue in this
case as already noted, is whether the question
of taking over the tombs in the cemetery as protected
monuments. - vide B on p. 1 above.
The Suptt. Archaeological Survey
of India, Madras now reports that the old
cemetery is not of any archaeological value
or of historical interest to warrant protection
and subvention. In this connection attention
is invited to the remarks previously made by
the Suptt. Archaeological Survey. in 1942. - vide

G.O. 1226 P.W.
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vide letter No. 3756
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C/S.S.

portion 'x' on p 51 of (B). It is also submitted that the G. & I. will take over all the conservation works under their control from 31. 3. 46. This dept may therefore suggest that the matter may now be referred to the G. & I. for such action as they deem necessary.

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Remarks regarding may be referred to

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E.P.H. Dept

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Since P.W. Dept may be requested to put up the following G.O. which have been removed from this file in 24.12.45

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G.O. 1226 P.W., dated 17.4.40

Letter 3756 P.W. dated 28.4.42

G.O. 2851 P.W. dated 7.11.45

Referred to in P.W. Dept. 10/11/46

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G.O. No. 1226 P.W. dated 17.4.40 and

G.O. No. 2851 P.W. dated 7.11.45 are put up at P.W.D. and

(M) respectively.

It is also submitted that the file may now be returned to the P.W.D. which is referred to on p 3 above with the found on p 5 C. of G.O. No. 2575 P.W. dated 12.4.43 (B)

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A draft letter to the Govt of India is submitted.

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Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, Port St. George. Madras. 6-5-46.

6 MAY 1946

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To The Deputy Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Port St. George, Madras.

Sir, Subject: Archaeology - Ancient monuments & Old cemetery at Vellore - Preservation.

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Ref:- My letter No. 427/1710, dated 29-11-45 and your letter No. Ms. 312-Edn, dated 13-2-46 to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education, New Delhi.

The question of taking up the old cemetery at Vellore for protection under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act will be reconsidered when I visit Vellore on 16-5-46. I shall be glad if you can kindly instruct the officer in charge of the cemetery to be present at the time of my inspection of the cemetery on the 16th instant at 5 P.M.

V.E. Disip reference 6.5.46

SVR/

J.V. Ramachandran Superintendent. 6.5.46

SE. Sankar

C. P. S. D.

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ETP/Kap:K

q CN. 24279 from an Sept. Archaeological Survey of India
S. Circle, No 427/1099 of 6.5.46

[Signature]
D. S. K.

Memo. No 24279-102
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Archaeology - Ancient Monuments
old cemetery at Vellur - Preservation

A copy of letter no 427-1099 dated
6.5.46, with above subject from the Sept.
Archaeological Survey of India, Southern
Circle, is forwarded to the Supg.
Engg, Southern Circle, Central P.W.D.
and he is requested to instruct the
officer in charge of the Cemetery to
be present at the time of the inspection
of the Cemetery by the Supg. Arch.
Survey of India, S. Circle.

By
8.5.46

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See Supdt Engr.
Southern Circle
Central P.W.D.
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Mylapore, Madras
(A.P. 11)
To the Supdt.
Arch. Survey of India
S. Circle
Fort St. George
(20/5/46)

Remd in C. Fee
on 17/5/46

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CENTRAL P.W.D. 10.5.46.

Mr. L.G. Selvam, C.E.S.I.,
Executive Engineer,
Madras Central Division,
Madras.

12 MAY 1946

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Sub: Old cemetery-Vellore-preservation of -

A copy of memo No. 24279/I.C.2/46 dated 8.5.46 from the Deputy Secretary, Education & Public Health Dept. Govt. of Madras is enclosed for information and necessary action. The Ex. Engr. Madras Central Division is requested to meet the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India on the 16th inst. at 5 p.m. at Vellore.

E.L.P.H. 2/46 (C.)

Enc: 1.
S.P. 10.5

for Superintending Engineer,
Southern Circle, Madras.

Copy to Supdt. Archeological Survey of India, S.C., Fort St. George, Madras for information.

Copy to Dy. Secy. E & P.H. Dept. Govt. of Madras for information.

Filed in file for:
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